



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

## PROCLAMATION

Mentoring programs help build relationships between caring, committed adults and younger people who stand to benefit from additional attention and encouragement. These programs are a logical, cost-effective prevention strategy that has the incomparable potential to enhance a child's self-esteem and build on his or her academic instruction. Research has shown that student mentoring programs increase attendance and improve scholastic performance.

In August, I established the California Service Corps to act as California's lead agency for informing the public of the value and the need for greater community service and volunteerism. Mentoring partnerships between government agencies, businesses, schools and faith communities provide a vital channel for Californians to support young people in their neighborhoods.

Californians are committed to meeting the growing demand for volunteer mentors, and during California Mentoring Month, we honor those who give generously of themselves to build brighter futures for our youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim January 2005, as "California Mentoring Month."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 6th day of January 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin Shelley".  
Kevin Shelley  
SECRETARY OF STATE